

DRAFT

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Ralph E. Martin  
Staff Security Officer  
Office of the Vice President

FROM : Robert W. Gambino  
Director of Security

SUBJECT : Accreditation of Vault at Vice President's  
Residence, Pocantico Hills, New York

REFERENCE : Telephonic Request by Staff Security  
Officer, Office of the Vice President  
16 November 1976

1. Pursuant to the request of the Staff Security Officer, Office of the Vice President, the vault at the Pocantico Hills, New York, residence of the Vice President was surveyed by CIA security officers in December 1975 to determine its adequacy for storage of classified material. Following the survey certain recommended modifications were effected. The vault now meets the minimum physical security standards for the storage of classified material, including sensitive compartmented information.

2. Unfortunately, there is no precedent for the accreditation of a private residence for the retention of classified material. Thus, at the expiration of the Vice President's term of office, any accreditation would, in fact, become invalid. Although former Presidents have had materials removed to presidential libraries, the classified material in such holdings has been administered and retained under U. S. Government control by the National Archives. Presumably, the material desired by the Vice President could be handled similarly.

3. Under the circumstances, regretfully, CIA has no authority to provide the accreditation requested by the Security Officer to the Vice President.

Robert W. Gambino

## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

**SUBJECT:** (Optional) Vice President Rockefeller's Residence  
 Pocantico Hills, New York

**FROM:**  
 Director of Security  
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Recommend for your signature this memorandum to the DCI on the issue of classified storage at the Vice President's estate (Pocantico Hills, New York).

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4. On 24 November 1976, by telephone the Vice President's Security Officer was advised that CIA considers the vault to be adequate from a physical security standpoint for the storage of classified material, including codeword. It was also pointed out that CIA does not have the authority to approve or not approve the transfer of the Vice President's classified holdings from U. S. Government control to the residence at Pocantico Hills.

5. The Vice President's Security Officer has requested that this telephonic advice be sent over in writing. A draft of the letter Mr. Gambino intends to send, in coordination with the Office of General Counsel, is attached for your information.

*/s/ John F. Blake*

John F. Blake


Att

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Robert W. Gambino  
Director of Security

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## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)					Vice President Rockefeller's Residence Pocantico Hills, New York		Registry	
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2. FYI:			→				This is to alert you to the Vice President's efforts to have the Pocantico Hills estate declared suitable for the storage of classified information, including code-word, after he leaves office.	
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Vice President Rockefeller's Residence  
Pocantico Hills, New York

John F. Blake  
Deputy Director  
for  
Administration

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DCI

Sir:

This is to alert you to the Vice President's efforts to have the Pocantico Hills estate declared suitable for the storage of classified information, including code-word, after he leaves office.

/s/ John F. Blake

John F. Blake

29 NOV 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : John F. Blake  
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : Vice President Rockefeller's Residence  
Pocantico Hills, New York

1. In November 1975 the Staff Security Officer, Office of the Vice President, requested the Director of Security, CIA, to conduct a survey of a vault in the Rockefeller residence at Pocantico Hills, New York, to determine its adequacy for storage of classified information. The survey was conducted in December 1975 and recommendations for improvements were made. The recommended improvements were effected, and a final survey was made in August 1976. At that time it was acknowledged by the Vice President's Security Officer that the Vice President planned to store some classified material up to and including Secret in that vault after he leaves office in January 1977.

2. In a memorandum dated 29 September 1976 to the Vice President's Security Officer, the Director of Security declared that the facility "could be approved formally for the storage of classified material." The memorandum stated, however, that "at such time as a decision is made to actually store classified materials at the facility, the particular executive agency or agencies furnishing such material should be requested to issue a formal approval."

3. Last week the Vice President's Security Officer contacted the Security Officer of the National Security Council to request the issuance of an expedite accreditation of the Pocantico Hills vault for the storage of classified material. The National Security Council Security Officer passed the request to CIA's Office of Security which, in turn, contacted the Vice President's Security Officer. At this time it was acknowledged that the material slated for permanent storage at Pocantico Hills included Rockefeller Commission working papers and some national security position papers including some codeword items.